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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: MARCOS CONTINUES FOREIGN  
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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MARCOS OVER THE WEEKEND TWICE REPEATED HIS ANTI-FOREIGN THEME WHILE SECDEF ENRILE REPLAYED CHARGES THAT OPPOSITION LEADER AQUINO IS A CIA AGENT (SEPTTEL). ON MARCH 4 MARCOS DENOUNCED ALLEGED FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR OPPOSITION CANDIDATES, AND ON MARCH 5 HE CLAIMED THE FOREIGN-SUPPORTED OPPOSITION WAS ENCOURAGING "DISUNITY" WHICH COULD WEAKEN THE GOP POSITION IN MILITARY BASES AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A SPEECH ON MARCH 4 IN BULACAN PROVINCE SUPPORTING REGION III'S GOVERNMENT PARTY INTERIM LEGISLATURE CANDIDATES, PRESIDENT MARCOS WARNED THAT "CERTAIN OPPOSITION CANDIDATES" HAVE SHOWN "WILLINGNESS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF FOREIGN DOLEOUTS." HE CALLED THIS "THE MOST SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE." HE SAID THAT, AS LONG AS HE IS PRESIDENT, HE WILL NEVER ALLOW FOREIGNERS TO INFLUENCE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CITING SPECIFICALLY THE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN

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SUPPORT FOR THE SECESSION MOVEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. "WE SHOULD WATCH CAREFULLY FOR THESE CANDIDATES WHO ARE PUSHED FROM BEHIND BY FOREIGNERS."

3. AT THE SAME RALLY, REGION III CANDIDATE AND LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE READ FROM THE BOOK "PORTRAIT OF A COLD WARRIOR" BY EX-CIA EMPLOYEE JOSEPH SMITH AND ACCUSED EX-

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL OF RECEIVING \$50,000 FROM THE CIA IN 1961. (THE FOLLOWING DAY, MACAPAGAL REPLIED THAT HE NEVER ACCEPTED THE MONEY, WHICH HE SAID WAS OFFERED IN 1959 AND WAS INTENDED TO INDUCE THE LIBERAL PARTY TO ACCEPT CERTAIN CANDIDATES IN SENATE ELECTIONS.)

4. MEANWHILE, THE GOP'S YOUTH MOVEMENT KABATAANG BARANGAY ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT "ANY CANDIDATE TO THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS WHO RECEIVED ORDERS FROM AND WHOSE LOYALTY IS TO A FOREIGN POWER SHOULD BE DENOUNCED." THE KB SAID IT WOULD CONDUCT A NATIONWIDE SERIES OF "PULONG-PULONG" MEETINGS TO DENOUNCE NEO-COLONIALISM.

5. ON MARCH 5, MARCOS TOLD A QUEZON CITY RALLY THAT "DISUNITY" COULD DESTROY THE GOP'S BARGAINING POSITION IN TRADE AND MILITARY BASES NEGOTIATIONS. "IF THE OPPOSITION WILL SUCCEED IN DESTROYING THE UNITY OF THE COUNTRY, OUR POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE WILL BE WEAKENED," AND THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE OPEN TO EXPLOITATION BY FOREIGN ELEMENTS, HE SAID. MARCOS ALSO DENOUNCED THE "NATIONAL TREATMENT" PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. "LET US NOT ALLOW FOREIGNERS TO MEDDLE IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, USING FILIPINOS AS DUMMIES." ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE ADDED THAT THE REPUBLIC IS IN DANGER BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION'S ACQUIESCENCE TO BE TOOLS OF FOREIGN INTERESTS, AND MARCOS FEELS HE MUST ALERT THE PEOPLE TO THIS DANGER.

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